



J-5 (PLANS AND POLICY) DIRECTORATE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

Subject: Authority For Increasing Operational
Readiness of NORAD Forces (U)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum^{*} on the above subject, dated 26 March 1959, concerning the requirement to increase NORAD's readiness on Berlin day.

2. You requested that J-5 and J-3 prepare the attached correspondence, initially in the white, for General Twining to send to General Foulkes and the Secretary of Defense, to initiate discussions with Canada before the fact.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Increased Operational Readiness
of NORAD Forces (U)

1. There will be a period of increased ^{international tension} [probability of attack
on North America ^{as} ^{approaches when} the day the East Germans take over ^{control of} access
to Berlin. ^{During this period} [When such a move becomes imminent,] the operational
readiness of NORAD should be increased.

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2. ~~We~~ agreed at the Paris meeting of the United States - Canada
Joint Defense Committee in December 1958, that parallel approaches
through military and diplomatic channels would be made on
proposals to direct CINCNORAD to increase the operational readiness
of his forces.

3. Accordingly, I have initiated military consultation on
this matter with the Canadian Chiefs of Staff Committee through
their Chairman. [It is requested that you initiate action with
the Department of State to approach the Canadian government
^{in advance}
to obtain their agreement to this, increase in NORAD's readiness.]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, CANADIAN CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

Subject: Increased Operational Readiness of
NORAD Forces (U)

1. It is apparent that there will be a period of increased ^{international tension} ^{as} probability of attack on North America ^{on} the day the East Germans take over access to Berlin ^{approaches.} Accordingly, we should take steps now to obtain the approval of our governments in directing CINCNORAD to increase the operational readiness of his defense forces *during this period.*

2. In accordance with the agreement reached at the Paris meeting of the United States - Canada Joint Defense Committee, in December 1958, that parallel approaches would be made through military and diplomatic channels on proposals to increase the NORAD readiness status, action is being initiated through the Department of State to the political authorities of Canada for consultation before the fact.

3. After our governments consult on this matter, and at an agreed time, it is proposed that a message be dispatched from the Chiefs of Staff to CINCNORAD essentially as enclosed.

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MESSAGE TO CINCNORAD

As a precautional measure, in view of the Berlin situation, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and Canadian Chiefs of Staff Committee desire that you place all NORAD forces in "air defense readiness" as defined in NORAD Reg. 55-3.

You will be kept informed by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Canadian Chiefs of Staff Committee of the developing political situation.